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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Ronald Laneau

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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 - Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 03152004.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-4 are presented for examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Barton (US 2002/0046074) in view of Rouchon (US 2001/0025259).

As per claims 1 and 2, Barton teaches a method for recruiting artists world-wide having artistic works for engaging artists in contracts (page 1, [0012], [0013]), said method comprising the steps of: receiving artistic works via global computer networks in order to recruit artists (page 6, [0119], [0120]). Barton does not teach evaluating artistic works and engaging an artist in a contract.

Rouchon discloses a website (Garageband.com) wherein an on-line community is created by musicians for musicians and wherein fans, emerging talent and industry pros meet as equals, listen to tracks uploaded (evaluating said received artistic works) and vote on which bands receive \$250,000 recording contracts (engaging an artist, whose work has been received, in a contract), the Company intends to sign artists with this now proven potential and pair these artists with established record producers from its advisory board (page 2, [0014], lines 1-21).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to utilize the method of evaluation of an artist work and engaging a contract as taught by Rouchon into the system of Barton because it would encourage upcoming artists to start their careers by having people listened to their tracks with the potential of getting a recording contract.

As per claims 3 and 4, neither Barton nor Rouchon teaches the step of engaging an artist in a contract comprises a recording contract, a modeling contract, and a script writing contract as claimed but the examiner takes the Official notice that a recording contract, a modeling contract and a script writing contract are well known in the business art because it allows a company to invest in an artist and in return get the service of that said artist for a certain amount of time as stipulated in the signed contract.

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- Vianello (US 2003/0182171) teaches an apparatus and method for providing career and employment services.
- Fujino et al (US 2002/0077963) teach artist supporting and mediating system.
- HoustonChronicle.com discloses how the Internet has changed traditional job hunting and recruiting as easy as surfing the web.
- Business wire writes an article about Licensemusic.com which launches global talent search and online music library to top one million tracks by adding Indie artists,

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5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ronald Laneau whose telephone number is (703) 305-3973. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri from 8:30am - 6:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Olszewski can be reached on (703) 308-5183. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Ronald Laneau
Examiner
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Primary Examiner

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